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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2003

The state of Virginia received quite a bit of rain during the week. Temperatures were right around normal for this time of the year as cooler conditions crept into the state. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.9. There were reports of hay fields heavy in weeds. Corn silage harvest was slowed in many parts of the state due to the rainfall. Strawberry growers were readying transplants for planting under plastic in their raised beds. Several farmers began preparations for small grain planting such as land prep and lime spreading. Other farming activities included field sales of cattle, fall calving, harvesting corn for grain and silage, getting combines ready for corn harvest, spreading fertilizer, making hay, stockpiling fescue, and scouting fields for pests.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 7	0	5	73	22
August 31	1	15	73	11
August 24	0	5	73	22
August 17	0	1	67	32
August 10	0	1	55	44

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	2	12	53	33
Livestock	0	1	7	66	26
Other Hay	0	3	23	55	19
Alfalfa Hay	2	7	18	54	19
Corn for Grain	2	12	18	46	22
Soybeans	2	6	21	50	21
Flue Tobacco	7	20	45	24	4
Burley Tobacco	3	17	37	36	7
Fire Tobacco	4	14	35	37	10
Peanuts	0	7	13	54	26
Cotton	0	8	22	47	23
Apples	0	20	37	30	13
Grapes	0	2	15	82	1

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Dough	87	82	99	91
Corn for Grain Dent	73	60	91	77
Corn for Grain Mature	42	28	74	55
Corn for Grain Harvested	10	5	25	16
Corn for Silage Harvested	43	33	59	41
Soybeans Blooming	96	92	99	97
Soybeans Setting Pods	82	74	89	86
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	2	1	13	6
Barley Seeded	1	NA	3	1
Flue Tobacco Harvested	48	41	37	49
Burley Tobacco Harvested	31	15	48	51
Fire Tobacco Harvested	59	40	72	72
Sun Tobacco Harvested	67	50	84	69
Cotton Bolls Opening	25	14	46	35
Fall Apples Harvested	28	17	33	13

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2003

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	84	48	68	2	0.99	0.17	4
Bremo Bluff	93	47	72	0	1.31	0.50	3
Burkes Garden	81	44	66	5	1.88	1.09	3
Camp Pickett	91	55	73	3	2.42	1.65	4
Chatham	87	54	72	2	2.04	1.20	3
Dale Enterprise	86	51	70	2	1.30	0.53	5
Danville AG	89	58	75	2	3.50	2.73	3
Floyd	84	48	67	2	0.93	0.09	3
Free Union	86	52	70	-4	0.95	-0.03	5
Glasgow	91	56	73	3	1.30	0.60	4
Hillsville	84	53	70	4	0.92	0.12	5
Lake Of The Woods	85	54	71	-1	2.08	1.24	5
Lynchburg	88	53	71	-2	1.36	0.62	3
Mount Weather	76	53	65	-3	3.27	2.47	4
Norfolk	94	63	79	5	2.21	1.23	3
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	88	54	71	-1	2.72	1.88	4
Pulaski	84	51	68	2	1.72	1.03	4
Richlands	84	51	69	7	1.47	0.68	4
Richmond	89	57	74	0	2.77	1.96	3
Roanoke	90	53	72	1	0.82	-0.02	3
Saltville	84	53	71	3	2.49	1.70	4
Somerset	86	53	73	2	1.38	0.54	6
Staunton	86	49	70	3	2.31	1.49	6
Stuart	86	56	71	2	1.26	0.22	3
The Plains	85	49	69	-3	2.22	1.38	4
Washington Dulles	86	52	71	-1	1.35	0.51	4
Waynesboro	87	49	69	2	1.03	0.21	5
Winchester	86	50	69	-1	2.30	1.53	4
Woodstock	85	53	70	-1	1.95	1.23	4
Wytheville	82	51	68	2	1.85	1.15	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.